

TOWN OF ACTON
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

Acton Senior Center-Audubon Drive

DATE: March 2, 2015 @ 3:00 P.M.

Present: Barbara Willson, Chair; Ann Corcoran, Secretary; Peter Duran; Jacquie Friedman; Bonnie Lobel; Marion Maxwell; Paul Turner; Sharon Mercurio, Director; Franny Osman, Liaison BOS

Absent: Sally Thompson, Treasurer; Rosanne Stone; Charlie Aaronson, Liaison Minuteman Senior Services; Norma Wu, Liaison Friends of COA

Visitor: Ellen Feinsand (Master level student in gerontology)

Materials distributed:

Director's February report - Sharon Mercurio

Senior Center Study Committee Membership list - Barbara Willson

January Minutes - Ann Corcoran

Lexington Virtual Village Printout - Peter Durant

Call to Order: Barbara Willson
Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Minutes of January 5, 2015: Ann Corcoran
After minor corrections the minutes of the January meeting were approved. (The February meeting was cancelled due to snow.)

Director's Report: Sharon Mercurio
Sharon shared details and highlights of her report. See attachment noting that Mary Lou Repucci will be assuming a new position in the Town Recreation Department and that Beverly Hutchings job title has been changed to better reflect her responsibilities at the senior center.

Announcements: All Members

1. Senior Center Study Committee membership has been finalized. Barbara Willson distributed the composition of the committee to the Board. She also noted that Bonnie Lobel will attend these meetings.
2. The Maynard Senior Center has a new home at the former Maynard Golf Club. Interested parties are welcome to visit.
3. A memorial for Steve is planned for Sunday March 15th at 1pm at the Nagog Club house.
4. COA newsletter. To keep seniors informed of current issues and activities of the Board, Barbara has been submitting information for inclusion in the newsletter when space is available. The March newsletter contained a tribute to Steve Baran, deceased Board member

Old Business:

1. Strategy for mobilizing elders and determining concerns - Bonnie 's report focused on the need to assist seniors in completing the United Way survey, which is one of the funding resources for Minuteman Senior Services and our center. A representative from ABUW will explain the survey here at the center on March 12, 2015. Frannie suggested someone sit at the rear of the dining room with an Ipad to provide help with the form completion. (Bonnie volunteered to do this)
2. Visit to Townsend Senior Center- Bonnie and Barbara visited the center and they were impressed by its configuration and location.
3. Luncheon Visit - Jacquie reported that the information she gathered from the current seniors at a recent lunch survey/discussion reflected many negative comments.
4. Senior Tax Relief Proposal - Barbara was pleased to report that a new plan for senior tax relief will be on the Town Warrant.
5. Wellness University - Barbara reported after attending a meeting with Cheryl Ball of the Health Department, that the Health Department is not hosting this event in 2015.
6. Peter Duran distributed select printouts from the Lexington at Home website. After carefully reading the material he felt that managing such an undertaking was best left to religious organizations. Peter asked us to review this material for discussion at our next meeting. Barbara will ask Charlie Aaronson to clarify at our next meeting.

Liaison Reports:

Ann reported Acton 20/20 is continuing to find ways to support other Boards in Town that are working with the goals as stated in the 20/20 plan. Liaisons to other Boards have been established in order to help the 20/20 Committee understand and support the efforts of the many diverse Boards and Committees in Town.

New Business:

Barbara appointed Bonnie Lobel as Vice Chairman of the Board.

A consensus was reached to have a streamlined meeting next month as Town Meeting is scheduled for 7pm that evening.

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 6, 2015 at 3:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Corcoran